

SENATE BILL 356

By Wilder

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 4, Part 9, relative to postsecondary
financial assistance from net lottery proceeds.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-907, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following language as a new subsection (b):

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section or any other provision of this part to the contrary, a student who completes all high school courses necessary for high school graduation, except one (1) course, at an eligible high school and who subsequently completes the one (1) remaining high school course as a Tennessee home schooled student, shall be eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship and a General Assembly Merit Scholarship under § 49-4-916 as if such student had graduated from an eligible high school. For the purposes of determining eligibility for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship or a General Assembly Merit Scholarship, such student's high school grade point average shall be calculated without inclusion of a grade for the one (1) course completed as a student in a Tennessee home school program.

SECTION 2. A student who is enrolled in an eligible postsecondary institution on the effective date of this act and who would have been eligible for a Tennessee HOPE scholarship, if the provisions of Section 1 of this act had been in effect at the time the student initially enrolled in the eligible postsecondary institution, may apply for the retroactive award of a Tennessee HOPE scholarship for any academic year that the student would have qualified for the scholarship under all applicable general, academic and continuation requirements. TSAC

may award the scholarship retroactively for any academic year for which the student met all applicable requirements for the scholarship.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.